

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad
Administration (FRA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Range-wide Programmatic Consultation for
Indiana Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat

Project Submittal Form

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In order to use the range-wide programmatic consultation to fulfill Endangered Species Act consultation requirements, transportation agencies must use this submittal form (or a comparable Service approved form) to provide project-level information for all actions that may affect the Indiana bat and/or northern long-eared bat (NLEB). The completed form should be submitted to the appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Field Office prior to project commencement. For more information, see the Standard Operating Procedure for Site Specific Project(s) Submission in the User's Guide.

By submitting this form, the transportation agency ensures that the proposed project(s) adhere to the criteria and conditions of the range-wide programmatic consultation, as outlined in the biological assessment (BA) and biological opinion (BO). Upon submittal of this form, the appropriate Service Field Office may review the project-specific information provided and request additional information. For projects that may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect (NLAA) the Indiana bat and/or NLEB, if the applying transportation agency is **not** contacted by the Service with any questions or concerns within 14 calendar days of form submittal, it may proceed under the range-wide programmatic consultation and assume concurrence of the NLAA determination made by the Service in the BO. For projects that may affect, and are likely to adversely affect (LAA) the Indiana bat and/or the NLEB, the appropriate Service Field Office will respond (see recommended response letter template) within 30 calendar days of receiving a complete project-level submission, which includes, but may not be limited to this completed form.

Further instructions on completing the submittal form can be found by hovering your cursor over each text box.

1. Date:

2. Lead agency:

This refers to the Federal governmental lead action agency initiating consultation; select FHWA, FRA or FTA as appropriate

3. Requesting agency:

This refers to the transportation agency completing the form (it may or may not be the same as the Lead Agency).

- Name:

- Title:

- Phone:

- Email:

4. Consultation code¹:

5. Project name(s):

6. Project description:

Please attach additional documentation or explanatory text if necessary

7. Project location (county, state):

If not delineated in IPaC, attach shape files

8. For other species from IPaC official species list:

No effect – project(s) are inside the range, but no suitable habitat (see additional information attached).

May affect – see additional information provided for those species (see attached or forthcoming).

Please confirm and identify how the proposed project(s) adhere to the criteria of the BO by completing the following (see User Guide Section 2.0):

¹ Available through IPaC System Official Species List: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>

NO EFFECT

9. For Indiana bat/NLEB, if applicable, select your no effect determination:

No effect – project(s) are outside the species' range. *submittal form complete*

No effect – project(s) are inside the species range but no suitable forested bat habitat; must also be greater than 0.5 miles from any hibernaculum. *submittal form complete*

No effect – project(s) do not involve any construction activities (e.g., bridge assessments, property inspections, planning and technical studies, property sales, property easements, and equipment purchases). *submittal form complete*

No effect – project(s) are completely within existing road/rail surface and do not involve percussive or other activities that increase noise above existing traffic/background levels (e.g., road line painting). *submittal form complete*

No effect – project(s) includes maintenance, alteration, or demolition of bridge(s)/structure(s) and indicate(s) no signs of bats from results of a bridge/structure assessment. *submittal form complete*

Otherwise, please continue below.

MAY AFFECT, NOT LIKELY TO ADVERSELY EFFECT – W/O AMMS

10. For Indiana bat/NLEB, if applicable, select your may affect, NLAA determination (without implementation of AMMs):

NLAA – project(s) are inside the range and suitable bat habitat is present, but **negative** bat presence/absence (P/A) surveys; must also be greater than 0.5 miles from any hibernaculum. *submittal form complete*

NLAA – project(s) within suitable bat habitat that involve maintenance of existing facilities (e.g., rest areas, stormwater detention basins) but do not remove or alter the habitat (e.g., mowing, brush removal). *submittal form complete*

NLAA – project(s) within 300 feet of existing road/rail surfaces in areas that contain suitable habitat but do not remove or alter the habitat (e.g., mowing, brush removal). *submittal form complete*

NLAA – project(s) limited to slash pile burning. *submittal form complete*

NLAA –project(s) are limited to wetland or stream protection activities associated with compensatory wetland mitigation that do not clear suitable habitat. *submittal form complete*

Otherwise, please continue below.

MAY EFFECT, NOT LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT – WITH AMMs

11. For Indiana bat/NLEB, if applicable, document your may affect, NLAA determination by completing the following section (**with implementation of AMMs**; use #13 to document AMMs).

Affected Resource/Habitat Type:

a. Trees

Verify that all tree removal occurs greater than 0.5 mile from any hibernaculum:

Verify that the project is within 100 feet of existing road/rail surfaces:

Verify that no documented Indiana bat and/or NLEB roosts and/or surrounding summer habitat within 0.25 mile of documented roosts will be impacted:

Verify that all tree removal will occur outside the active season (i.e., will occur in winter)²:

Acres of trees proposed for removal:

b. Bridge/Structure Work Projects

Proposed work:

Timing of work:

Evidence of bat activity on/in bridge/structure? Y/N

Verify that work will be conducted outside the active season, or if during the active season, verify that no roosting bats will be harmed or disturbed in any way:

Verify that work will not alter roosting potential in any way:

Verify that all applicable lighting minimization measures will be implemented:

c. Other (please explain)

² Coordinate with the local Service Field Office for appropriate dates.

MAY AFFECT, LIKELY TO ADVERSELY AFFECT

12. For Indiana bat/NLEB, if applicable, document your may affect, LAA determination by completing the following section (use #13 to document AMMs).

Affected Resource/Habitat Type:

a. Trees

Verify that all tree removal occurs greater than 0.5 mile from any hibernaculum:

Project Location:

0-100 feet from edge of existing road/rail surface

100-300 feet from edge of existing road/rail surface

Verify that no documented Indiana bat roosts or surrounding summer habitat within 0.25 mile of documented roosts will be impacted between May 1 and July 31:

Verify that no documented NLEB roosts or surrounding summer habitat within 150 feet of documented roosts will be impacted between June 1 and July 31:

Timing of tree removal:

Acres of trees proposed for removal:

b. Bridge/Structure Work Projects

Proposed work:

Timing of work:

Verify no signs of a colony:

Verify that work will not alter roosting potential in any way:

13. For Indiana bat/NLEB, **if applicable to the action type**, the following AMMs will be implemented³ unless P/A surveys and/or bridge assessments document that the species are not likely to be present:

General AMM 1(required for all projects):

³ See AMMs Fact Sheet (Appendix C) for more information on AMMs

Tree Removal AMM 1:
Tree Removal AMM 2 (required for NLAA):
Tree Removal AMM 3 (required for all projects):
Tree Removal AMM 4 (required for NLAA):
Tree Removal AMM 5 (required for LAA):
Tree Removal AMM 6 (required for LAA):

Tree Removal AMM 7 (required for LAA):

Bridge AMM 1:
Bridge AMM 2 (required for all projects during active season):
Bridge AMM 3 (required for NLAA during active season):
Bridge AMM 4 (required for NLAA during active season):
Bridge AMM 5 (required for all projects):

Structure AMM 1 (required for all Indiana bat projects, required for NLAA NLEB projects):
Structure AMM 2 (required for all Indiana bat projects, required for NLAA NLEB projects):
Structure AMM 3 (required for all Indiana bat projects, required for NLAA NLEB projects):
Structure AMM 4 (required for all Indiana bat projects, required for NLAA NLEB projects):

Lighting AMM 1 (required for all projects during the active season):
Lighting AMM 2 (required for all projects):

Hibernacula AMM 1 (required for all projects):

14. For Indiana bat, if applicable, compensatory mitigation measures will also be required to offset adverse effects on the species (see Section 2.10 of the BA). Please verify the mechanism in which compensatory mitigation will be implemented and that sufficient information is provided to the Service.

Range-wide In Lieu Fee Program, The Conservation Fund

State, Regional, Recovery Unit-Specific In Lieu Fee Program
Name:

Conservation Bank,
Name:
Location:

Local Conservation Site(s)
Name:
Location:
Description:
